

Ellis Baptist Association

Leadership Team Minutes

January 9, 2017

In Attendance: Richard Cody, Jack Ables, Debbie Crady, LaSharon Johnson, Kathryne Buroughs, Aaron Clayton, Bert Sigala, Joseph Barrett, Jim Lawton, Jared Douglas and Darla Schembera

Regrets: Evelyn Newell,

Not in attendance:

Prayer requests were shared and Richard opened the meeting in prayer.

Bert was assigned to be the Process Check person.

The November meeting minutes were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Debbie presented the financial reports for November and December, 2016. Financials were approved as presented.

TEAM REPORTS

Ministry

Ellis Christian Women's Job Corp

- Financials were presented.
- Last session was very difficult. In her 13 years one of the most difficult. Satan was really working. All 7 were allowed to graduate and they did well on their speeches. The upcoming class is scheduled to begin on January 16 and as of now there are no students signed up. Plans are in place in the event that no students register, and there is a retreat this week that will provide some needed rest. There are two girls preparing to take their GED tests. Finances are doing well, and we are staying in the black. They may look to the United Way to see about computer help. Richard assured the Leadership Team of the conservative stand of the local United Way and their views and where their money goes.

Hand in Hand Ministry

- No report.

Ellis Christian Disaster Relief

- Financials were presented.
- TBM has a new Executive Director and they have donated three semi trailers, a 16 foot trailer and other equipment. Hillcrest has an old box truck that they may be able to use. The shower trailer and tent unit have been going constantly. The biggest event is the training that is coming up at Baylor in Ennis. Pray that God will send the right people. Jim shared a story about the effectiveness of the Messages of Hope. This month's EBA.life highlighted Cindy Wesch and her involvement with disaster relief. Also mentioned about Mary Bess Jackson and her volunteering in the mud out unit.
- Jim asked about how we can provide help to people in need. We put that conversation on hold and will meet separately.

Missions

Lenca / Radio Rio de Dios

- All is well for now. Richard and Larry will be going to Honduras in February.

Leadership Development

- Upcoming Sunday School and Small Group Leaders training to be held February 11, 2017 at FBC Duncanville.

Church Revitalization

- Second Wind will take place on Thursday, February 2, at the EBA office. This is a good training for those that may have reached a plateau in their church and how to go about moving forward. This will be led by Stephen Parks.

Church Planting

- This is still in its infancy. They are looking onto some funds that may be available and talking to several that may be interested in being on the team. Richard talked to a gentleman this week who is looking to move into that area and possibly looking to plant a church.

OLD BUSINESS:

- We will be staying with Square Space and using funds from the BGCT and move forward with making changes to the site.
- We are still following up with lawyer to see what direction to go with the 501(c)(3).

NEW BUSINESS:

- Barry McCoy will be our new IT person for the office.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

- Anchor is a new group that will be looking to provide housing to homeless women. Anne Hollub and Laurie Henderson will be heading this up. They will be looking for a house to be the home for this ministry, but would like to use our office space until they have a place. They will pay \$100 per month as a rental fee.
- Richard is working with Chett Haynes to put together a senior adult event that will be geared towards creating some camaraderie and fellowship between churches and to show seniors that EBA still is relevant to them as well. Chett will be leading the planning team and will look to have this event pay for itself. The date they are looking at is Columbus Day, and perhaps the location may be the Chautauqua Auditorium. They will try to bring large churches in on this to help them realize that they can help with this and create a desire to help with some of the other churches in the association.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- None.

Process Check: Bert said “we are at 59 minutes”.

Our next meeting will be February 20, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Associational Office.

Submitted by: Darla Schembera